based on the theory that all lands belong to Government and when it is given for occupation some tax is payable irrespective of the fact whether some income is derived or not ?

Sri H. S. RUDRAPPA.—Land tax is based on that assumption.

Sri V. S. PATIL.—May I know whether the feudal system of land revenue is now exstinct and people have become the owner of the land ?

Mr. SPEAKER.—You ask the Government whether they admit that it is a feudal system.

Sri V. S. PATIL.—May I know from the Government that the land revenue was levied by the old Government which was feudal and that is not feasible now when we are in a democracy ?

Sri H. S. RUDRAPPA.—That is not a principle on which land revenue is based.

Sri M. C. NARASIMHAN.—Are the Government aware of the views of Sri T. T. Krishnamachari, Finance Minister of the Government of India in respect of this matter supporting the contention of Sri Patil ?

Sri H. S. RUDRAPPA.—We are aware of the statement made. But that is not the practice prevailing in all the States.

9-30 A.M.

Sri M. C. NARASIMHAN.—Has any exemption been given under the Agricultural Income tax recently at the time of elections ?

Mr. SPEAKER.—That is outside the scope of the question.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Question No. 843. The concerned Minister is not here; this question will be taken up on the next meeting day. Similarly, Question No. 929 will be taken later on.

Import of Foodgrains to the State.

Q.—1022. Sri H. V. KOUJALGI (Sampagaon I).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the quantity of foodgrains imported into the State till the 15th of May ;

(*b*) the stock of foodgrains in each district on 15th May 1957 ?

A.—Sri M. P. PATIL (Minister for Revenue).—

(*a*) Information as to the quantities of foodgrains moved into the State through normal trade channels is not available. A quantity of 9,29,994 maunds of rice had been received in the State from the Central Government for issue through Fair Price Depots under the Price Stabilisation Scheme (from the inception of the scheme in July 1956 to 15th May 1957).

(*b*) No stocks of foodgrains are held by the State Government.

Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA.—May I know at what price this was purchased by the Government of India ?

*Sri M. P. PATIL.—This Government has no information at what rate Government of India purchased.

Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA.—May I know at what rate it was supplied to this Government ?

Sri M. P. PATIL.—At fourteen rupees per maund.

Appointment of the Registrar of Trade Unions in the State.

Q.—1074. Sri B. R. SUNTHANKAR (Belgaum).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether they are aware that every State Government is required to establish the office of the Registrar of Trade Unions according to Section 3 of the Indian Trade Union Act ;

(*b*) whether the Government has established such an office with the necessary staff ;

(*c*) if not, the name of the officer who is discharging this work ;

(*d*) whether they would consider to appoint a Registrar of Trade Unions without further delay ?

A.—Sri B. VAIKUNTA BALIGA (Minister for Labour and Legal Affairs).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.